

should not allow that to occur. We should be able to not only solve that for this year but solve it long term.

I am grateful for the folks who are farmers and ranchers who are working, and in energy, the folks who work behind the scenes, who make America move, because in the days ahead, we will start moving.

My State has already reached phase 2 of reopening, and we continue to see a decline in the number of cases, but those folks who were working behind the scenes the whole time are making the difference for us.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on confirmation of the Ratcliffe nomination at noon tomorrow. I further ask that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote with respect to the Badalamenti nomination occur at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. Further, I ask that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the postcloture time be deemed expired and the confirmation vote occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1. Finally, I ask that if either of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON THE HEIL NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Heil nomination?

Mr. CARDIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAMER). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 75, nays 17, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Ex.]

YEAS—75

Baldwin	Blackburn	Braun
Barrasso	Blunt	Capito
Bennet	Boozman	Cardin

Carper	Hawley	Reed
Casey	Heinrich	Risch
Cassidy	Hoeben	Roberts
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Coons	Inhofe	Rosen
Cornyn	Johnson	Rubio
Cortez Masto	Jones	Sasse
Cotton	Kaine	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Crapo	King	Shaheen
Cruz	Lankford	Shelby
Daines	Lee	Sinema
Duckworth	Loeffler	Smith
Durbin	Manchin	Sullivan
Enzi	McConnell	Tester
Ernst	McSally	Thune
Feinstein	Moran	Tillis
Fischer	Murphy	Toomey
Gardner	Paul	Udall
Graham	Perdue	Warner
Grassley	Peters	Wicker
Hassan	Portman	Young

NAYS—17

Blumenthal	Hirono	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Brown	Menendez	Van Hollen
Canwell	Merkley	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Wyden
Harris	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—8

Alexander	Markey	Sanders
Burr	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Leahy	Rounds	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The Senator from Tennessee.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEMORIAL DAY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, I received the very sad news that the 5th Special Forces Group, which is stationed at Fort Campbell, which is in Tennessee, was going to have to forgo and cancel their annual Memorial Day Gold Star Ceremony. This is a tradition at the post. It is something that is so special to those Gold Star families, and we are disappointed with that but understand.

I have really been pleased that today Senator ERNST has organized a time for us to come to the floor to really come together to honor not only our fallen but also their loved ones, who have had to spend this year's remembrance separated from other Gold Star families, and we know that is a time they cherish, having that togetherness.

Although the formal ceremonies are canceled, please note that each of these families is in our prayers, they are in our thoughts, and that we grieve alongside them.

This Memorial Day, reflections are framed by a world that has really been made much smaller by our shared experiences with COVID-19. Even so, the

state of our world makes the battlefields we send our soldiers and sailors and airmen and marines to seem very far away because in their world, authoritarian regimes rule with an iron fist, and they violate human rights with impunity. Violence often replaces diplomacy as the preferred method of dispute resolution and freedom, when it is discussed at all. Many times, it feels like an impossibility. This is what they deal with on a daily basis.

The danger this creates is no secret to anyone. Like the rest of us, our soldiers read the news reports from the frontlines. They hear the enemy propaganda. They hear those who repeat the enemy propaganda. Many of them have experienced the ferocity of the enemy attacks against our forces and against our allies. They know what they are up against. They see it and they live it each and every day. Yet, in spite of the danger, they answer the call because they have something inside them that says that freedom is worth fighting for. It is their commitment to that cause of liberty to allow us to live in a free and open society, to allow us and our children to pursue those dreams, to dream those big dreams and to make them come true.

Whether we lost loved ones and friends on the battlefield or, later, lost them to the trauma of combat and loss, this weekend, we thank them for their sacrifice, we honor their memory, and we express our gratitude to their families, who this year will have to celebrate as a family and not with others.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week Congress submitted to the President the bipartisan Congressional Review Act resolution that overturned Education Secretary DeVos's borrower defense rule.

The rule that she came up with at the Department of Education makes it almost impossible for student loan borrowers, including many, many veterans, who have been defrauded by their schools—these are usually for-profit schools—to have Federal student debt discharged because of the fraud under the Higher Education Act's borrower defense provisions.

Ten Republicans joined with the Democrats in March to reject this rule in the Senate and pass this resolution. I thank those on the other side of the aisle who stood up for the veterans and for students who have been defrauded.

I urge President Trump to sign this bill without delay. More importantly than my urging, 30 different veteran organizations urged the President to sign our resolution. We are going to be giving a lot of speeches about veterans on the Senate floor and back home over Memorial Day weekend. Here is a chance for the President to stand up